thala, Patiala, Bhatinda and Hoshiarpur). Major functions of the KVK are to organise vocational training, frontline demonstrations, on-farm research/testing and training of grass-root level extension workers in crop-production, horticulture production, livestock production, fisheries, Home Science and other related vocations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The districts and location of already established KVKs are presented in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 160]. In remaining districts, the KVKs are yet to be established. Depending on resources available, efforts are on to establish KVKs in all the agricultural districts.

It is proposed to establish new 119 KVKs by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan and the remaining in the Ninth Five Year Plan to cover all the districts of the country subject to availability of additional funds from the Government.

Promotion of Agricultural Education

7413. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research have formulated a comprehensive perspective plan to promote agricultural education in the country particularly in the State of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research is in a process of formulating a perspective plan to promote agricultural education in the country including the State of Punjab. A Model Act for the Agricultural Universities in the country has been prepared. A Committee of Deans has been constituted to examine curriculum, courses at undergraduate level. A National Agricultural Research Project has been implemented in the country to upgrade and strengthen the research capabilities of the Zonal Research Station of State Agricultural Universities.

Multi-State Cooperative Societies

7414. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Multi-State Cooperative Societies registered in the country, State-wise;

(b) the names of Multi-State Cooperative Societies functioning in Karnataka and how many Societies have been registered under Multi-State from Karnataka during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) the type of Societies from States which can be registered under Multi-State Societies Act; and

(d) whether the existing Cooperative Societies registered under State Act can be registered under Multi-State to expand its activities, if so, the procedure thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The number of Multi-State Cooperative Societies, State-wise is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

(b) The following four multi-state cooperative societies are functioning in Karnataka whose principal place of business and registered office is in Karnataka:

(1) All India Industrial Cooperative Banks Federation, 11, Bull Temple Road, Besavanguddi, Bangalore — 4. (Under Liquidation) (2) Hiranyakeshi Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Niyamat Sankeshwar, Distt. Belgaum (3) Central Arecanut Marketing and Processing Cooperative, Mangalore. (4) Indian Coffee Marketing Cooperative Limited, P. B No. 167, Hassan — 573201.

(c) Any society whose area of operation extends to more than one State and has its objects to serve the interest of members in more than one State may be registered as a multi-state cooperative society provided that such society fulfils the conditions laid down in the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 and Rules framed thereunder.

(d) Cooperative Society may, by an amendment of its byelaws, extend its jurisdiction and convert itself into a multi-state cooperative society provided that such amendment to byelaws of such cooperative society is registered by the Central Registrar after consulting the Registrar of Cooperative Societies of concerned State.

Statement

The State-wise number of Multi-States Cooperative Societies registered in the Country

S. No.	States		No. of Multi-State Cooperative Societies
1.	Andhra Pradesh	—	8
2.	Assam	—	1
3.	Gujarat	—	8*
4.	Haryana	—	6
5.	Karnataka	—	4*
6.	Rajasthan	—	5
7.	Maharashtra	—	63*
8.	Tamil Nadu	—	62
9.	West Bengal	—	30
10.	Punjab/U.T. of Chandigarh	—	9
11.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	1
12.	Uttar Pradesh	—	1
13.	Madhya Pradesh	—	1
14.	Bihar	—	1
15.	Delhi	—	31*
	TOTAL:		231

*Includes National Cooperative Socities also.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Karnataka

7415. SHRI K. R. JAYADEVAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government for establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Chitradurga in Karnataka State; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Govt. has constituted a Team for visiting the site in Chitradurga for giving its report to the Govt. to take a decision.

प्याज की पैदावार

7416. श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में प्याज की वार्षिक पैदावार राज्यवार कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने देश में प्याज की पैदावार बढ़ाने के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम): (क) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान प्याज के उत्पादन राज्यवार ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है।

(ख) तथा (ग) सब्जी के बीजों के उत्पादन और आपूर्ति की केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र की योजना के अंतर्गत मिनीकिट कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से भारत सरकार प्याज की उन्नत किस्मों के बीजों के उत्पादन और आपूर्ति को बढ़ावा दे रही है तथा उनका प्रचार-प्रसार कर रही है ताकि देश में प्याज के उत्पादन में वृद्धि की जा सके।